

3. Introduction of a comprehensive and uniform grading system to indicate the health of individual advances for the purpose of their effective monitoring and follow up.
4. To keep a watch on the recovery of top sticky accounts.
5. Taking corrective action where advances are found to have become sticky.

[English]

Special 301 Provisions of US Act

2539. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO
DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Government has agreed to lift India out of Special 301 provisions of the US Omnibus Trade & Competitiveness Act, 1988; and

(b) if so, its impact on the trade relationship between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. However, the United States Trade Representatives announced on 26.11.91 the decision to extend the deadline of investigations against India under Special 301 provisions by 3 months upto 26 February, 1992.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Recovery of Income Tax

2540. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of income tax recovered during the current year upto October 31, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The amount of income-tax (including corporation tax) collected during the current financial year, upto October 31, 1991, was Rs. 4011.01 crores.

[English]

Performance of Modernised Sick Textile Mills

2541. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sick textile mills modernised during the last two years have not shown any sign of improved performance; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Development of Coastal Shipping

2542. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Shipping Board has submitted any proposal to the Government for development of coastal shipping;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a separate Directorate for development of coastal shipping;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the SDFC have allocated any funds for development of coastal shipping during the current year;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government have formulated any plan to ensure supply of salt through coastal shipping to every coastal district;

(h) whether Government of Maharashtra has shown any interest for starting coastal shipping; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The National Shipping Board (1983-85) had made recommendations to develop coastal shipping.

(b) The Government is taking all feasible measures to develop coastal shipping.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). No, Sir. The S.D.F.C. was wound up in 1987.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) and (i). Government of Maharashtra has shown interest in the resumption of

Bombay-Goa Coastal Passenger Service. To this end, they have given a No Objection Certificate to a private party to operate such a service.

[Translation]

Ex-Servicemen in Hill Districts in Uttar Pradesh

2543. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of ex-servicemen in the eight hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of ex-servicemen getting pension and the number of ex-servicemen to whom pension is not being paid due to non-completion of 15 years of service;

(c) the number of cases pending for grant of pension;

(d) the time by which these pending cases are likely to be disposed of; and

(e) the scheme formulated by the Government for the livelihood of ex-servicemen not being paid any pension?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (e). The District-wise-number of ex-Servicemen in the 8 hill districts for Uttar Pradesh, as furnished by the U.P. Rajya Sainik Board, is as follows:-

Sl. No.	District	No. of ex-Servicemen Pensioners	No. of non-pensioner ex-Servicemen
1.	Pauri including Landsowne	21,016	44,831
2.	Chamoli	23,735	17,990